

# The Bloomfield Record.

## A Narrow Escape.

It is unnecessary to say just what year Joe Payson and myself left our happy New England homes for the Eldorado of the West, California.

We were both young—not having reached our majority, but we were both determined and resolute in our purpose.

The great golden bauble had encircled us in its grasp, and in fancy we could see the shining lure cropping out from every rock and hillside, in all the golden land.

We took passage in the good ship "Flying Cloud," and considered our luck already favorable when we sailed through the Golden Gate in seventy-six days from New York—the quickest passage ever recorded between the two ports.

We had never been outside of the place of our birth before, and were totally unacquainted with the ways of the world in general, so that, when we stepped on shore in San Francisco, with but very little money in our pockets, we felt somewhat like stray sheep who had lost their pastures.

"We have come here for gold," I said to Joe, when I perceived that he was indulging in a fit of homesickness. "We must lose no time in reaching the mines, for our funds will not hold out long here."

After many delays and difficulties we reached Sacramento, and from that point we started out on foot, with our blankets and provisions strapped to our backs, in search of the mines where we felt sure a fortune awaited us.

For several days we continued to travel, when, I think it was the fourth day, just at sunset, we espied a cluster of miners' tents and cabins, and soon we learned that the place was called Grass Valley, in Nevada county.

Gambling and drinking saloons were in full blast, and the appearance of the persons we met did not give us a favorable opinion of a miner's life. The camp of those days was a great contrast to the beautiful little town that stands now, encircled with its boundless hills, where we squatted years ago.

With the direction of old miners, we staked off a piece of ground and commenced to "prospect" for the "color," as the glittering particles of gold were called.

All being satisfactory, we soon set up a "shanty" for ourselves, and commenced business in partnership. We took turns at cooking our "grub," and did our washing on Sundays, as was customary with miners.

At the close of each day's work, we would deposit our gold in an yeast powder box, and hide it in the fire place. Our claim was yielding exceedingly good returns for our labors, and we had already filled five boxes with the precious dust.

We concluded that when we filled our twentieth box we would make a flying visit to our old homes, and invest our money in snug little farms. Our minds were crowded with the visions of the old familiar faces, the warm welcome and many God bless you's (especially when we showed our dust) that would greet us on our return to the East.

Of course, we had to go prospecting for other paying ground, and it was determined between us that we should prospect for more extensive mines, by trying the hills.

For several weeks we wandered about, sinking shafts, but without success, until one day Joe and I became separated, and I was so intent on striking a lead that day, that time passed more rapidly than I was aware of, so that when the sun went down I found myself some five miles from camp, and felt sure that darkness would overtake me before I could reach a clearing, as I was enveloped in thick brush and woods.

I had proceeded some three miles, when it grew so dark I could scarcely distinguish the trail, and as I plodded along, feeling with both hands—for I had dropped my tools, with the intention of returning for them in the morning—I suddenly felt the earth giving away beneath my feet, and before I could make a move to save myself, I was precipitated into the bowels of the earth, some forty feet from the surface. I had fallen down a deserted shaft!

How long I had been there, it was impossible for me to determine, when I recovered my consciousness.

I looked up, and saw that it was daylight above me, and my limbs were aching from the bruises inflicted on them, and I could not see any possible hope to escape death.

The fact was very evident to me that the place where I was confined would not be searched by my partner when he found me missing, as it was in an unfrequented spot near the Rough and Ready ridge.

Of one thing I was indeed fortunate, I had provided myself in the morning with a canteen of water and a supply of bread and bacon, and it so happened that I had not felt hungry during the day.

This much I had to keep me from starvation and thirst, and I could make it last several days, with considerable allowance.

I knew that it would be useless for me to make a noise, or hope to attract the attention of any ham in being to any perilous situation, and I gave myself up to the mercy of Divine Providence.

Six days and six nights I was a prisoner in the bowels of the earth. I had not heard a human voice—I had been without food or water for three long days and nights! Oh, how I suffered in mind and body, for I was completely exhausted, and all hope had vanished!

The morning of the seventh day found me unable to lift my hand to my head, and

I had composed myself to the fate that awaited me when I was startled by what I conceived to be human voices above.

For a moment all was still again, and then a sound greeted my ears that made my quivering frame bound what hope. I tried to raise my body in order to make my feeble voice heard, but I fell back in weakness and could not stand on my feet. I endeavored to shout, but my voice was almost gone, and I summoned all my remaining strength for a last effort.

Thank God for that strength. It was heard above, and the quick response came down to me that I would be saved!

It turned out that I was not the only one whose life hung by a single thread. Poor Joe had been charged with my murder—he had been tried by a miners' tribunal, found guilty, and sentenced to be hanged on the very morning that I was discovered in the shaft. The evidence rested on the fact that Joe and myself were seen together near the ridge on the day of my disappearance, and it was deemed circumstantial.

As soon as I was extricated by the prospectors who had discovered me so accidentally, I was conveyed to a place near the camp, where a large crowd had collected.

A rope had been thrown across the limb of a large pine tree, and in half an hour, had I not been discovered, Joe's body would have been dangling at the end of that rope.

It was a month before I recovered my strength, and then Joe and myself embarked for San Francisco, and we waved farewell to the perils of gold mining in California.

## Outwitting a Congregation.

Old Dr. Strong of Hartford, was not often outwitted by his people. On one occasion he had invited a young minister to preach for him, who proved rather a dull speaker, and whose sermon proved unusually long. The people became wearied, and as Dr. Strong lived near the bridge, about the time for the commencement of the afternoon service he saw his people flocking in great numbers across the river to the other church. He readily understood that they feared they should hear the same young man in the afternoon. Gathering up his wits, which generally came at his bidding, he said to the young minister, "My brother across the river is very feeble, and I know he will take it kindly to have you preach to his people, and if you will do so, I will give you a note to him, and will be as much obliged to you as I would to have you preach for me, and I want you to preach the same sermon you preached to my people this morning."

The young minister, supposing this to be a commendation of his sermon, started off in good spirits, delivered his note, and was invited to preach most cordially. He saw before him one half of Dr. Strong's people, and they had to listen one hour and a half to the same dull, humdrum sermon they had heard in the morning. They understood the joke, however, and said they would never undertake to run away from Dr. Strong again.

WEDDED BY MOONLIGHT.—A moonlight wedding was celebrated on the banks of the Niantic River, in Connecticut, under peculiar circumstances. The bride and groom, with their friends, called on the dominie of Niantic village late in the evening and desired him to unite them. When he looked at their certificate of publication he discovered that it had been made out in the neighboring town of Waterford, and was valueless in Niantic. There was a fluster of consternation for a moment, and then the bride pluckily suggested that they should walk over to Waterford a mile distant by the railroad track, as it was too late for a train. In that town no suitable place could be found for a wedding ceremony, except the hotel, which was vetoed at once, as the party were good temperers. Again the bride came to the rescue, and declared that an open-air wedding would be decidedly romantic. And by the quiet stream, with the bridal company standing around in the moonlight, the couple were made one.

THE OLD FLAG.—The stars and stripes became the National flag of the United States by virtue of the resolution of Congress, passed June 14, 1777. The use of stripes to mark the number of States on the flag cannot be clearly traced, but can be accounted for by a custom of the camp at Cambridge. The army of citizen volunteers comprised all grades of men. Very few were uniformed. It was almost impossible for the sentinels to distinguish general officers from privates. Frequently officers were placed at the outposts and held for identification until the arrival of the officer of the day. Orders were issued that the different grades of officers should be distinguished by a colored ribbon of light blue. The stars on the blue field—a new constellation—were suggested by the constellation Lyra—time honored as an emblem of union. The thirteen stars with which the flag was originally adorned were to represent the then number of States, and from time to time, as new States have been annexed, the number of stars have been increased.

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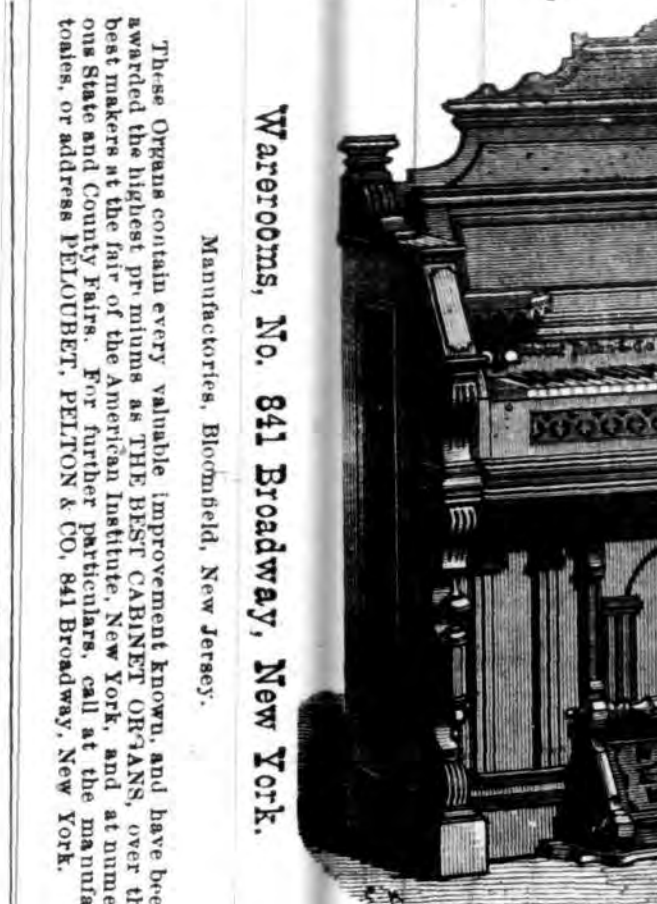
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| 17 Mrs. Nehemiah Baldwin, 1 lot, .....                                    | \$1.14 |
| 18 Mrs. Ann Robinson, 1 lot, .....  | 10.70  |
| 19 John Dunn, lot near Midland R. R. Station, ..                          | 2.50   |
| 20 Fred. Crane, lot, .....  | 6.14   |
| 21 Moses L. Crane, lot, .....   | 9.86   |
| 22 William Clark, lot Old Road, Montclair, ..                             | 9.28   |
| 23 John H. Cocke, lot Berkeley Ave., .....                                | 4.21   |
| 24 John Dunn, lot near Midland R. R. Station, ..                          | 4.28   |
| 25 Patrick Finerty, lot lot of P. Weaver, .....                           | 10.40  |
| 26 Ira G. Hastings, house and lot Highland Ave.,                          | 21.40  |
| 27 Mrs. Phillips, .....   | 41.80  |
| 28 Nathan Loomis, .....   | 310.32 |
| 29 Henry Moore, lot Forest Ave., .....                                    | 8.28   |
| 30 Michael R. R. Co., lot Chestnut Hill, .....                            | 10.30  |
| 31 E. Moran, house and lot, .....   | 14.56  |
| 32 Chas. B. Peck, lot Highland Ave., .....                                | 25.68  |
| 33 John W. Oakley, house and lot Forest Ave.,                             | 10.70  |
| 34 Heskiah Thompson, house and lot, .....                                 | 68.48  |
| 35 Martin Zahle, lot Bellevue Ave., .....                                 | 8.78   |
| 36 Thomas E. Brant, lot Bellevue Ave., .....                              | 12.48  |
| 37 Henry Brown, house and lot Williamson Ave.,                            | 3.87   |
| 38 Lot next to Frank Croose, .....  | 2.30   |
| 39 Thomas G. Cook, lot Montgomery St., .....                              | 6.34   |
| 40 Jacob Clark, .....   | 2.45   |
| 41 Mrs. Catharine Tolan, house and lot, .....                             | 12.48  |
| 42 John Dunn, lot near Midland R. R. Station, ..                          | 2.50   |
| 43 Patrick Dunbar, lot New Street, .....                                  | 4.16   |
| 44 Patrick Finerty, lot New Street, .....                                 | 6.08   |
| 45 John H. Hastings, house and lot Highland Ave.,                         | 21.40  |
| 46 Mrs. John Flannery, house and lot Walnut St.,                          | 2.08   |
| 47 Fred. Schrock, lot Watessing Depot, .....                              | 38.52  |
| 48 Michael Hickey, house and lot Sycamore St., ..                         | 10.34  |
| 49 Joseph P. Hagne, lot between Chestnut St. and Fairview Avenue, .....   | 70.72  |
| 50 Henry Helmer, lot Orchard Street, .....                                | 23.40  |
| 51 John Lancaster, lot near Davey's Mill, .....                           | 7.13   |
| 52 James Murphy, house and lot New Street, ..                             | 14.40  |
| 53 Montclair R. R. Co., lot near Canal, .....                             | 4.19   |
| 54 Michael Mahony, lot Montgomery St., .....                              | 4.00   |
| 55 Michael O'Connor, lot Liberty Street, .....                            | 4.00   |
| 56 John Prescott, lot Walnut Street, .....                                | 8.34   |
| 57 Henry Sah, lot Orchard Street, .....                                   | 4.16   |
| 58 Estate of John Finerty, Orchard Street, .....                          | 2.08   |
| 59 Charles Twigg, lot Montgomery St., .....                               | 6.34   |
| 60 Mrs. John J. Yost 2 houses & lots B'rd Ave.,                           | 21.50  |
| 2 Mrs. Lucy Andrews, 3 houses & 3 lots on Bloomfield Avenue, .....        | 27.82  |
| 12 Samuel G. Actin, house and lot Walnut St., ..                          | 96.38  |
| 32 Bolton, lot Myrtle street, .....                                       | 3.22   |
| 33 Josiah or Mrs. Rebecca Cook, lot B. R. Ave.,                           | 42.80  |
| 57 Martin Crogan, lot Orange Avenue, .....                                | 14.56  |
| 70 Charles C. Cunningham, lot Myrtle Ave., .....                          | 5.14   |
| 71 Col. Crane, house and lot near David's Mill, ..                        | 21.40  |
| 93 Peter Daly lot, .....  | 9.28   |
| 94 John Durning, house and lot near Peloubet's                            | 20.06  |
| 104 James Ellis, Sr., house and lot Railroad Ave.,                        | 16.48  |
| 107 John Gottschalk, house and lot Railroad Ave.,                         | 16.48  |
| 108 James Higgins, lot Myrtle & Bloomfield                                | 1.80   |
| 109 Margaret Hampton, lot Orange Ave., .....                              | 29.04  |
| 204 John Rose, house and lot Railroad Ave., ..                            | 29.04  |
| 254 Kleinmiller, lot on Orange Ave., .....                                | 9.64   |
| 266 John & Wesley Lockwood, lot on Myrtle Ave.,                           | 8.62   |
| 285 Lewis Benjamin, lot, .....  | 2.00   |
| 316 Victor Myers, lot near Watessing Depot, ..                            | 4.00   |
| 367 John Simons, house and lot, .....                                     | 2.14   |
| 378 Edward Shell, lot near Peloubet & Co's, ..                            | 2.14   |
| 379 John Strong, Sr., house and lot B'rd Ave.,                            | 25.40  |
| 386 John Strong, Jr., house and lot Willow St.,                           | 8.56   |
| 390 Felix A. Smith, lot Myrtle Street, .....                              | 4.28   |
| 404 Ann Southard, .....   | 2.14   |
| 433 Joseph D. West, lot Willow Street, .....                              | 25.68  |
| 440 Mrs. John J. Yost 2 houses & lots B'rd Ave.,                          | 21.50  |
| 458 Watessing Land Co. 62 acres, .....                                    | 622.08 |
| 127 Est. of John A. Van Riper, house & 60 acres, IRA CAMPBELL, Collector. | 94.20  |

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| One Grand Cash Gift, .....        | 50.00    |
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| 15 Cash Gifts, 10.00 each, .....  | 150.00   |
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| 25 Cash Gifts, 6.00 each, .....   | 150.00   |
| 30 Cash Gifts, 5.00 each, .....   | 150.00   |
| 35 Cash Gifts, 4.00 each, .....   | 140.00   |
| 40 Cash Gifts, 3.00 each, .....   | 120.00   |
| 45 Cash Gifts, 2.00 each, .....   | 90.00    |
| 50 Cash Gifts, 1.00 each, .....   | 50.00    |
| 200 Cash Gifts, 1.00 each, .....  | 200.00   |
| 500 Cash Gifts, 1.00 each, .....  | 500.00   |
| 10,000 Cash Gifts, 50 each, ..... | 500,000  |

Whole Tickets, ..... \$50.00 |

Half, ..... 25.00 |

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